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IMMEDIATE DELAY IN THE ARCHIVING OF MCCR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND INTEGRATED BILLING SOFTWARE RECORDS

- 1. **PURPOSE**: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) directive provides instructions to medical centers regarding the **immediate** delay in the archiving of Medical Care Cost Recovery (MCCR's) Accounts Receivable and Integrated Billing records.
- **2. POLICY:** Due to the potential overpayment from insurance carriers on Medicare carve out policies and other overpayment issues, the archiving of MCCR records contained in the Accounts Receivable and Integrated Billing software databases must be delayed until further notice. When these issues are satisfactorily resolved, instructions will be provided on the procedures to be undertaken for the archiving of these records.

3. ACTION

- a. Medical centers are not to archive or purge accounts receivable or integrated billing records until further notice.
- b. This directive <u>only</u> exempts instructions provided in VHA Directive 10-95-094 addressing data archiving and purging of Accounts Receivable and Integrated Billing software packages.
- c. Copies of this directive should be distributed to the MCCR Coordinator, Fiscal Service and Information Resource Management (IRM) Service.
- 4. **REFERENCE**: VHA Directive 10-95-094, Data Archiving and Purging, dated September 28, 1995.
- 5. **RESPONSIBILITY**: Director, Medical Care Cost Recovery Office (174), is responsible for the contents of this directive.
- 6. **RESCISSION:** This VHA Directive will expire on April 10, 2002.

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